# SEVEN THOUSAND ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING AT RYMAN AUDITORIUM

#### Great Sunday School Congress Successfully Closes 12th Annual Session

Mammoth Street Parade, Five Thousand Delegates, Sunday School Workers and Citizens in Line of March-Biggest Parade Ever Witnessed in Nashville.

### OVER FIVE THOUSAND SUNDAY - SCHOOL WORKERS IN PARADE

Climax of Sunday School Congress Reached Sunday to Read it-Negro Edu-At Ryman Auditorium.

More than five thousand Sunday o'clock afternoon the public square son, an attorney at law of Oklahoma City, Okla. These two features were the culmination of five days of Sun-

flying squadron began at an early caps raised and the chautauqua salute hour and visited twenty four of the given. He spoke for forty minutes, forty odd local schools participating giving what is easily admitted as the in the meeting. This squardon made speeches in these twenty-four schools and extended a personal invitation for them to join the parade and demonstration, which incitation was accepted. At nine thirty the various schools have a continuous and parameters are a continuous and parameters are a continuous and parameters. As he reached climax have a continuous and provided to the Pleasant Green than thirty the various schools have a continuous and people that the superintendent. of Nashville were in charge of Sunday after climax he was interrupted by School Congress conductors who real-ly pulled off a model Sunday school. for five minutes after he had finished

school workers formed a mammoth was a mass of humanity. Conservastreet parade that traversed the prin-cipal streets of Nashville last Sun-square and in the streets intersecting school above the elementary grades in the exact criticism, favorable or uncipal streets of Nashville last Sun- square and in the streets intersecting day when the Sunday School Congress at over twenty thousand. Then came forces pulled off perhaps the biggest the mammoth street parade. Led by demonstration in the history of the General W. H. Crawford, of Austin, fects or their outstanding excellences. movement. This was followed by a Tex, who had worked out every detail mammoth mass meeting at the Ryman of the parade, they formed in the fol-Auditorium where over seven thousand lowing order: two mounted assistant interested spectators listened to an marshalls, young ladies of Nashville, eloquent address of Wm. Henry Harri- who were in riding habits of khaki, who kept the streets and line of march clear; Ceneral Crawford, Dr. R. 71. day school work in a summer school Boyd, the director of the Congress, Dr. of methods known as the Sunday C. H. Clark, the chairman, Dr. S. S. School Congress, which is one of the Jones, the Adjt, General, and Henry inational; the report causes each one largest missionary movements in the A Boyd, the Congress secretary, were of the schools examined to pass in Unite! States. From Wednesday morn-immediately in front; then came the review before the reader and praises ing at evelen thirty o'clock until Sun-fearless and brave Company "G" of it unreservedly or with qualifications. largest missionary movements in the A Boyd, the Congress secretary, were day night Nashville was alive with the Tennessee National Guard under hundreds of workers in the Sunday the command of Lieut. Joe Boyd. As school department of the Baptist de they passed they were cheered by the consult the report or indict themselves nomination that had gathered here masses, white and colored. Then for criminal negligence and indiffrom thirty states including the reprecame the Boy Cadeis in two divisions, sentation from Canada. Notwithstand- As the boy cadets passed through the all the white South; (3) all philaning they had met in the city on two streets they showed the real training previous occasions since which time they had received by the execution they had visited many other cities, this of the most difficult cilitary orders, being the twelfth annual session, it swaying this way and that, first was admitted on all sides that the single file, then in columns of fours, sessions just closed were the most then by platoons; and then came the profitable ever held. The citizens of Boy Cade Band, lending inspiration as Nashville with the local committee they dispensed such music as Nashville covered itself with glory by the hospitable manner in which they enter- Fifth Avenue. Following this were the tained the workers and visitors. The Sunday School Congress officials, the best homes of Nashville were thrown National Baptist Convention repreopen for the entertainment of these sentatives. Then the chorus numberdistinguished workers. They began ing over three hundred wearing white to arrive in the city as early as caps and singing the Sunday School Tuesday. The opening night was a Congress song. Next came the forty brilliant affair. The music furnished Sunday schools with banners floating. by the mammoth chorus, the eloquent They were from three years of age to welcome address of Mrs. White, the seventy-three. They marched, they scholarly sermon by Rev. A. C. Wil- never seemed to tire. Following this liams all presentel to theaudience that came six hundred Metoka and Galedas taxed the capacity of the spacious with Sunday School Congress caps, auditorium of the Mt. Olive Baptist Metoka and Galeda pennants andarm church, set a very high mark for Sunday School endeavor. According to program every department was carried out as laid down. The conductors for these various departments gave the Sunday School congress band with its inspiring music. Sunday school enthusiasts an oppor- Then came hundreds of Sunday School tunity to know more and do more in Congress delegates. The early morn-his or her particular line of work, ing trains had brought in four specials, while the general sessions really held which completely thronged the streets forth beginning with Bible conference of Nashville. The parade moved at at eight o'clock, moved up to the 2:45 o'clock, circled the court house Teacher Training hour at nine thirty and the market house, marched west o'clock, after which the general ses- on Cedar Street to Fifth Avenue and sion proper began atten-thirty o'clock South on Fifth Avenue to the Ryman At this general session papers on the Auditorium. On both sides of the different phases of Sunday school work street an appreciative public made up were presented to hungry workers who of both races cheered as the workers devoured every sentence and every passed. Every departmental conductor paragraph of the papers read. Throughout the meeting the chairman who has served in that capacity since the movement was launched presided. Every modesty and timidity and joined in night there was a hew feature. Important this religious demonstration. The mediately following the opening night, Sunday school workers in the parade which was Wednesday, came the Metoka and Galeda night. Over five hun- auditorium they marched in and were dred these organized class represented by ushers. When the parade sentatives which helped to make up reached the auditorium and was marchithe Congress participated in the defing in the two last divisions had not monstration. Then there came the left the public square. Mrs. M. A. B. Boy Cadet night. The little street Fuller, of Austin, Texas, who took up a registion pages the center of the urchin inspired by the patriotic and re- a position near the center of the ligious music fell into the ranks, parade, held her watch and stated under his captain of the several com- to the Sunday School Congress sec-General Craw- retary when she reached the auditorford had charge of the boys. There ium it had taken just forty-two was not a dull moment. In platoon minutes to pass the review stand. At formation they operated, they execut- the auditorium the singing such as had ed difficult commands, they marched in never been heard before in Nashville soldierly like manner. Saturday was inspired the seven thousand that made another day that brought joy to the up the great gathering. As soon as hearts of the boys, as they were taken they had finished marching in, Chairto Greenwood Park, where on a per-fect drill ground with the unsurpassed and Dr. R. H. Boyd, the "old young different Negro schools. In the next boy cadet band they really showed what man," often referred to as the giant place, running through the whole rethey could do with so few weeks of oak in the forest of the Baptists, who port is a thread of definite suggestion training. The Congress representatis the director of the Congress, made as to future lines of work which the sented and described. tives took advantage of the occasion several statements and the great audi- Bureau enodrses for all Negro schools. to lend encouragement by their pres- ence went wild. The National Choris- No Negro whether he approves of the ence. The afternoon was spent there, ter. H. B. P. Johnson, then had hiss suggestion or not, has any right to On Saturday night the B. Y. P. U.'s chorus to sing such selections as claim interest in his race until he from over the country had charge. "Zekiel Saw the Wheel," Praise the has informed himself of this sugges-Rev.s. Prince and Boyd, of Texas, Lord" an anthem, "Hail the Baptist tion looking toward more concrete Drane, of Chicago, Sharp of Nashville, Congress," the Metoka and Galeda courses of study. Marshall of Florida, with representa- Song and several other selections. tives from Kentucky, pulled off a B. Very little time was lost in preliminar-Y. P. U. program which was creditable. ies. Chairman Clark then introduced On Sunday morning the Congress representatives showed their metal. A mention of his name banners went up, other schools are warmly commended

## GOVERNMENT BULLETIN ISSUED

Negroes and Whies Freed cation.

WILL FORCE NEGROES, THE TO READ IT.

every community in every race groups, is not only the "Who's Who" in Negro schools, but it is also a asday" book showing who is not Regardless of ownership; adwhether white or colored, southern or northern, philanthropic or denom-

or condemns it in the same manner. for criminal negligence and indif-afford to be ignorant of the standards ference, that is (1) all Negroes: (2) which the Bureau sets for the schools thropists who are supporting Negro schools or all boards and agencies acting for these donors; and (4) all denominational bodies which are con-ducting colored schools.

in each case, making the report, by

The White South and the Report. The white people of the South have in their hands the control of public school education for the Negro. The report places on record, not unkindly but impart ally, suggestion of the inequality of the distribution of the school funds and the poor equipfent of the Negro schools. More than this the "land grant" colleges for Negroes in the South are all managed by State WHITE SOUTH, AND THE NORTH boards. In practically every case there

is condamental wearness in the system of control so that these schools The United States Bureau of Educa- have never risen fully to their opporeach one of these the Union, and has pointed out deschools and the definite recommen-finitely and fearlessly their major desdations made looking toward improve-

ersons, to the disparagement of of disagtisfaction. those which make poor showing that was mutual. Southern leaders will want to know said they would for many how he states compare with each other so that progress may be made A. in Nashville. States of this section.

Also since the report practically in-icates by its criticism definite ideals Four distinct groups must read or the Bureau, the South, whether it accepts the standards or not, can not for Negroes of the country,

Northern Philanthropy and "Who's Who" In Negro Schools.

To philanthropic persons and bod- p thions and Immaculates will hold ies, the report is invaluable. In the their big annual meeting here in a

A CARD OF THANKS TO THE NASHVILLE PUBLIC.

our thanks for the pig-hearted and cordial recep-

tion that they gave to the Sunday School Congress

delegates who gathered here i the Twelfth An-

nual Session of the Sunday School Congress, hat has just closed. In handing out this card of

thanks, we feel sure that we voice the sentiment

of each person who attended the session. The

people of Nashville irrespective of a nomination

threw open their homes and their churches for

the entertainment of the friends. Nashville stamped herself indelibly in the hearts and minds

of the people throughout the United States. We

take this means of thanking you individually

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS,

HENRY ALLEN BOYD, Secretary.

We want the citizens of Nashville to accept

#### in each case, making the report, by so much, an invaluable guide to such DELEGATES PRAISE NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY institutions as care to conform to PURCHASED AT NASHVILLE, TENN. THE "Y" BUILDING

Pleased—Big Meetings Now Accommodated

the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, men and boys who were in attendance at the Sunday School Congress, June 13-18th, stopped at the Y. M. C. A. That they were handled with the utmost care and were well pleased is cets or their outstanding executions. The Bulletin on Negro Education (1916, Nos. 38 and 39), prepared under to live in those places where there are private homes, left and came to the direction of Dr. Thomas Jesse good schools for their children, the "Y" but no one, so far as is known good schools for their children, the "Y" but no one, so far as is known good schools for their children, the "Y" but no one, so far as is known good schools for their children, the "Y" but no one, so far as is known good schools for their children. compared with each other by colored Association apartments left because come sing the prai those who looked after the comforts of the distinguished proceed themselves as pleased with the Association ioned by the men who stopped in the Y" building. It was a fine bunch hundred registered and took rooms nd most of them took meals as well. It is the thought of the Committee that Nashville will get a great many conventions now which they have been forced to allow other cities t take care of in former years.

Secretary And Visitors Baptist of the United States to Open Training School-Buy Boscobel College.

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After years of waiting, Nashville ill enjoy the realization of a Theolo-This announcement made, following the adjournment the Executive Committee meeting the National Baptist Convention, unsporate I, which held its session last week. At the same time of the Executive Committee an's Auxillary, was holding its a and joins in the announce-President E. P. Jones, who was but was called home, opened ceting and its deliberations were had over throughout the session ley, Robert Mitchell, of Bowling president at large. The Women's Auxiliary was presided over by Mrs. Georgia DeBaptist Ashburn, of Evanston, Illinois. While the committees formulated their programs for their next annual convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, September 5-11, and laid plans for much activity and constructive work, it was agreed was the purchasing of the Boscobel is composed of eleven College site, consisting of four build- from the regular army. uring it soperation, was one of the big army to be drafted. most exclusive schools of the South. hestasm ran high when the an-Negro Bantists would have a Theoloits members could be trained as preachers and teachers.

the city of Nashville being situated ing the entire summer, almost on the banks of the classic Cumberland. There are two main build-lished under the direction of Secre-The buildings are the most ganized. modern, as it has only been two years since the white people suspended operation on account of the great fire in East Nashville. Within one half ing the men are getting: day after the announcement was made that the school could be had, over ten thousand dollars were subscribed. A whirlwind campaign throughout the whirlwind campaign throughout the United States will be made for the (Continued on Page 6.)

9:15 to 10:15 a. m.—Practice

MEN WHO WILL LEAD NEGROE TROOPS OPEN RIGID DRILL

TWENTY-FIVE COLORED SOLD-IERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES, WHO HAVE BEEN ON DUTY TODAY AND WILL TRY FOR ranged after each study period and

One thousand Negroes who will lead the colored divisions of the arms will be taken up on June 21 United States expeditionary forces to and guard duty will immediately foi-France, received the first instruction low that

From all parts of the country, from Baptist of the United States to Open at the opening of the officers' train-

"The first step in the making of an officer," declared Col. C. C. Ballou, commanding officer "is the making of a soldier. 'We have organized the men into a regiment of fourteen companies and each man will receive precisely

the same training, regardless of his revious station in military or civil of the Negro division, which will be drafted this fall, will be officered

Moines. Each of the fourteen companies will furnish the officers for

Over 1.000 Here, About 1.250 men are expected by the end of the week. A total of 1,017 were on the roll Monday morn-

The northwestern department has been the slowest to report and there The training is under the imme-

diate supervision of Major Sturtethat the most important action taken vant, senior instructor, whose staff and about seven acres of land, missioned officers from the regular These buildings were formerly oc- army who are assigned as instructors cupied as a White Female school, and expect to receive commissions in the Plenty to Eat.

"The men are being well fed," denouncement was finally made that the clared Capt. M. E. Mallory, quarter-"They are not getting the master. regular army rations, but we are getting the best the Des Moines furnish.

Captain Mallory explained that The property and buildings are each man is allowed 75 cents a day located on Sevier Street in East Nashfor his mee, while the regular army ville on one of the highest points on allowance is but 40 cents. The althe East side of the River, overlooking lowance will remain the same dur-

ings, sixty-five dormitories in the tary R. B. DeFrantz of Kansas City principal building with four large Mo., and opened Sunday. The first class rooms and a heating plant that service was held Sunday afternoon, was only recently installed at a cost when the Rev. Howland Hanson of five thousand dollars. It also has a spoke. Mr. De Frantz is beign asmusic conservatory with nine music sisted by W. H. J. Beckett, who has rooms entering into it. On the campus is found magnificient tall Ten. ball, volleyball and various other nessee Oaks while the entire campus games will be directed by Mr. Beckis one huge plot of Kentucky Blue ett as soon as the work can be or-

How They Started Today. The schedule for today is an example of the type of strenuous train-7:00 to 8:30 a. m .- Infantry drill without arms.

8:30 to 9:00 a, m .- Manual physical training.

march without arms. 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.-Musketry 2:30 to 4:30 p. m .- Semaphore

signaling. 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Conferences COL. BALLOU FORMS REGIMENT 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Conferences of STUDENTS AT FORT DES on care of equipment.

ONLY TO THE TO THE STILL TO 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.—Evening study on organization of the regiment.

8:00 to 9:00 p. m .- Semaphore signaling. The remainder of the week will be occupied on practically the same THERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, occupied on practically the same ARRIVED AT FT. DES MOINES lines. Conferences have been ar-

> every evening the work for the next day will be explained.

and collectively.

Negro Interest in The Report. schools are conducted by them and they will want to know the opinion of

defned outright or their discontinuand constructive criticisms are made

Austin, Texas, of which W. H. Craw-

has an enrollment of twenty four the public. hundred. The state prize banner was awarded to the Pleasant Green Baptist Sunday School of Nashville,Mr. T. G. Marshall superintendent. This school has an enrollment of three its frank criticisms will not be rel-hundred fifty, but its report shows the ished in certain cases; but the helpmost constructive front line Sunday ful suggestions made all through the

past, a great host of solicitors have few weeks and it is the plan or the Negroes, first of all, must examine almost overwhelmed wealthy contrib- Committee of Management to take the report because most of the utors to Negro schools; and these care of the men delegates of both. donors have been in large measure Government experts relative to the various schools for which aid has young men who may be in need of longer, for every Negro school in the

Denominational Schools

classes already indicated is repre-

not make the very best showing. For Again: certain schools are con- known schools of this type it is said that "Owing to church politics the institution has been badly manage! and its organization is not effective," serious indictment; and all of the home in a happier and a more con-surch schools will want to see if tented frame of mind. The Young they have special points of weakness like this or elements of strength which will appeal to the confidence of ford is superintendent. This school

Awakening the Lions.

The report is certain to "stir up the lions." Its conclusions will not accepted in many quarters; and At eleven o'clock eloquent sermons his address. The Sunday School Constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock school work after some announcements the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock school work after some announcements the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. The Hicks D. D., of Meridian, Miss., who the conductor of the Bible Confertuctive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock school work after some announcements the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock school work after some announcements the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools which have not had the benefit of unbiased and constructive front line Sunday school work. At five thirty o'clock worthy schools worthy sc as few works touching the Negro

It is now possible for the Associ in the dark as to the merits of the tion to furnish rooms for at least 150 been sought. This need not be so any good and convenient home. The ad vantages arising out of such a privilege are too numerous to mention here. Strangers coming to the city need not any more trouble the already crowded homes for room and The various churches which support schools must examine the report have made sacrifices which have rebecause in a number of cases the edsulted in comforts for young men because in a number of cases to a surfect in home. They have done ucational institutions so supported do away from home. They have done what make the very best showing. For for fellows away from home what other cities have done for Nashville young men who so often go away in search for higher wages and improv-

> Men's Christian Associations which have grown to such proportions as this have always proved a benediction to the entire city in which they have been located, and it is almost centain to prove so in Nashville unless conditions are vastly different here from other cities. The people here are just people like all other people, exercising good judgment in

have ever been examined; and there is no question but that certain definite good will result to the whole country from the study.

ISAAC FISHER.



some things and poor in others, but NATIONAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL AND TRAINING SEMINARY Looking at it from the Nw. Corner of the Campus.

at the same time advancing all the room at once before they are picked hile. over. A few calls for rooms have Young men are urged to come and been made already even while the antake out a membership and take a nouncement is being made ready